

MINUTES SPECIAL BUDGET SELECTBOARD MEETING
Grafton Town Hall Upstairs In Person/Live
With accommodation for persons unable to attend in person via interactive Zoom

Monday, September 29, 2025, 4:00 pm

Present at the meeting in the Town Hall:

Selectboard: Chair Cathy Sinao-Goodwin, Vice Chair Anna Keegan, John Gregory, Steve Sargent, and Buzz Fisher

Also: Morgan Wilbur, Kim Record, David Rogers, and Suzanne Welch

Present online: None

1. Call to order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Adopt Agenda: It was moved by Anna Keegan, seconded by Buzz Fisher to adopt the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Budget Discussion for 2026-2027: Kim Record began the conversation by talking about the Walker Bridge bond. She explained that the calculation was determined by taking \$942,302.19 (estimated Town's share of the bridge) minus \$265,000 (money that was within the general fund reserve) to equal \$667,302.19. After guidance from the Bond Bank, the bond amount was rounded to \$675,000. After further discussions and working with the auditors, it was determined that \$129,282 was within the Capital Budget but had not been accounted for in the calculation of the bond. After many conversations with the Bond Bank, VLCT, and the auditors, it was determined that the bond could not be prepaid, but there were several options for using the unallocated money. Some examples would be to pay off an active truck lease, put towards retreatment, a reserve for the fire hydrants, etc. Another option would be to use that money for making future bond payments. After some questions from the Selectboard, they went line by line through the Highway Department budget. While there was discussion for each line item, some lengthy discussions were in regards to future equipment repairs, equipment and truck replacements, retreatment, beaver maintenance, gravel, salt, and sand.

The Selectboard decided to invite the Grafton Fire, Rescue, and Public Library to their next special meeting where they will go through the general budget. That meeting would be held on Thursday, October 9th at 4:00 p.m.

4. Other Business: There was no Other Business.

5. Public Comment: There was no Public Comment.

6. Next regular meeting: Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6 pm.

7. Adjourn. It was moved by Anna Keegan, seconded by Buzz Fisher, to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Morgan Wilbur
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